

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (new): A composition solid at 21°C comprising:

- a) 5% to 70% by weight of a component melting in the range from 25°C to 37°C, selected from the group consisting of synthetic waxes, paraffins, fatty acid esters, polyhydroxy fatty acid esters, fatty alcohols, alkoxyated fatty acid esters, alkoxyated fatty alcohols and mixtures thereof;
- b) 5% to 70% by weight of a component whose melting point is at least 5°C higher than the melting point of component a), wherein, component b) is selected from the group consisting of polyhydroxy fatty acid esters, C14-C22 fatty alcohols, C12-C22 fatty acids, alkoxyated derivatives of the fatty alcohols, alkoxyated derivatives of the fatty esters, and mixtures thereof; and
- c) 5% to 25% by weight of a crystallisation accelerator selected from the group consisting of partial glycerides, polymeric waxes and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that the crystallisation accelerator has a melting point in the range from 45°C to 70°C, wherein the composition comprises less than 5% by weight of water.

Claim 17 (new): The composition according to Claim 16, wherein component b) has a melting point in the range from 40°C to 60°C.

Claim 18 (new): The composition of Claim 16 wherein, component a) comprises a mixture of glycerides of fatty acids having 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

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Claim 19 (new): The composition of Claim 16, wherein component b) comprises a mixture of glycerides of fatty acids having 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 20 (new): The composition of Claims 16, wherein, component a) and/or component b) each comprise a member selected from the group consisting of glycerol triesters of coconut fatty acids, partial esters of coconut fatty acids, and mixtures thereof, wherein, the mixtures in each case have a melting point in the claimed range.

Claim 21 (new): The composition of Claim 16, wherein, compound c) comprises glycerol partial esters with C12 fatty acids.

Claim 22 (new): The composition of Claim 16, wherein, compound c) comprises a polyvinyl stearyl ether.

Claim 23 (new): The composition of Claim 16, which, comprises: component a) in an amount of from 10% to 60% by weight, component b) in an amount of from 10% to 60% by weight, and component c) in an amount of from 10% to 25% by weight.

Claim 24 (new): The composition of Claim 16, having a melting point in the range from 35°C to 65°C.

Claim 25 (new): The composition of Claim 16, further comprising silicone waxes in an amount of from 1% to 6% by weight.

Claim 26 (new): The composition of Claim 16, further comprising skin-friendly and/or skincare substances in an amount of from 0.1% to 10% by weight.

Claim 27 (new): The composition of Claim 16, comprising water in an amount of from

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0.5 to 3% by weight.

Claim 28 (new): The composition of Claim 16, comprising 50% to 60% by weight of a mixture of glycerol esters of coconut fatty acids having a melting point of from 30°C to 33°C as component a), 10% to 20% by weight of a linear, unsaturated fatty alcohol having a melting point of from 57°C to 60°C as component b), 15% to 20% by weight of a polyvinyl stearyl ether having a melting point of from 45°C to 48°C as component c), and optionally 2% to 5% by weight of silicone wax, and optionally 5% to 10% by weight of a skincare substance.

Claim 29 (new): A nonwoven having a skin-friendly finish wherein the skin-friendly finish comprises a crystallization accelerator selected from the group consisting of glycerol monolaurate, polyvinyl stearyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 30 (new): A finished nonwoven comprising polyethylene, and the composition of Claim 16.

Claim 31 (new): The composition of claim 17, wherein, component a) comprises a mixture of glycerides of fatty acids having 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 32 (new): The composition of Claim 18, wherein component b) comprises a mixture of glycerides of fatty acids having 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 33 (new): The composition of claim 21 wherein component c) comprises glycerol monolaurate.

Claim 34 (new): The composition of claim 24 having a melting point in the range of 35°C to 50°C.

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Claim 35 (new): The composition of claim 26 containing from 0.5% to 3% by weight of water.